

**VIOLENCE CHARGED  
IN HAZING TRIAL**

**Midshipman Charges Senior  
Used Stick After Order-  
ing Exercises**

Annapolis, Nov. 17.—Direct physical violence for the first time during the present court-martial series at the Naval Academy was charged against Midshipman George M. Lord, of Honolulu, member of the first class, who was on trial during whole of yesterday's sessions for hazing Wendell E. Allen, Jr., fourth classman, of Dewey, Okla., there being three specifications in support of the charge.

It is alleged that in October, shortly after the Academy had resumed its sessions, Allen was ordered to Lord's room by the latter, caused to do physical exercises and whipped with a cane or stick. Lord denied all of these allegations when he went on the stand in his own defense.

There was a direct conflict of testimony between Allen and Lord. Midshipmen of different classes testified they were at the table where the order was supposed to have been given and heard nothing of it. There were also some witnesses who attempted to establish a bad reputation for Allen and others who testified as to the good standing of Lord.

Allen testified that Lord had told him to come to the exercise room and had asked him a question. When he failed to answer it, he said, Lord had ordered him to do "kneebends," a form of physical exercise, and afterward hit him three times with a stick or cane, saying, "I like to do this; I like to see you squirm."

Midshipman Paul Jackson, Lord's roommate, said that he did not remember seeing Allen in the room, and when asked if he had ordered Allen to do exercises declined to answer. Allen had stated that Jackson was in the room during a part of the hazing.

One of the witnesses who testified to the good reputation of Lord was Charles J. McCarthy, formerly Governor of Hawaii, who attended the whole session. Even more interested was Miss Helen Plimmer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Lord's fiancée, and her mother, Mrs. W. J. Plimmer.

Allen has submitted his resignation from the academy, stating that he could not bear his treatment by the upper classmen, which has become worse since it was known that he had made statements upon which upper classmen were to be tried.

The resignation of Midshipman James G. Bonifant, of Powhatan, Va., submitted for similar reasons, was accepted today. At least one other member of the fourth class is said to have resigned for the same cause, and it is believed that a number of others who gave different reasons really resigned on account of their bad treatment.

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